

REMARKS

Claims 88 to 94 and 139 to 144 are pending in the present application. In view of the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

As an initial matter, while the Office Action Summary indicates that claims 88 to 94 and 139 to 144 are objected to, the indication appears to have been made in error since the Office Action does not raise any grounds for such an objection.

Applicants thank the Examiner for considering the previously filed Information Disclosure Statements, PTO-1449 papers, and cited references.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that the drawings filed March 19, 2009 have been accepted.

The Specification was objected to for not including a BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS. Applicants note that the Substitute Specification filed on November 18, 2005 contains a proper BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS which complies with 37 C.F.R. §1.74 (MPEP §608.01(f)). Approval and entry of the Substitute Specification and withdrawal of the present objection are therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, all issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed. An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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